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This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, for which the one-month shortened statutory period for response expires on December 2, 2004. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, Group I (Claims 1-6 – drawn to a method of assembling a tripod joint), Group II (Claims 7-11 – drawn to a retaining ring), and Group III (Claims 12-16 - drawn to a constant velocity joint).